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Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation, and Conservation Council Post-2025 AMAs Committee

Co-Chairs: Warren Tenney & Tim Thomure

December 15, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome & Committee's Progress and Objectives
2. Discussion of Draft Issue Statements to Define Issues related to the Assured Water Supply Program and CAGRD
3. Discussion of Draft AMAs Management Structure Issue Brief
4. Next Steps



Review of Last Committee Meeting

November 2nd Discussion

- Reviewed major issue themes developed through Committee feedback on draft issue brief
- Discussed draft Issue Statements, including new statements and concepts suggested by Committee members

Questionnaire

Distributed November 23rd - Responses by December 7th
17 Committee participants responded

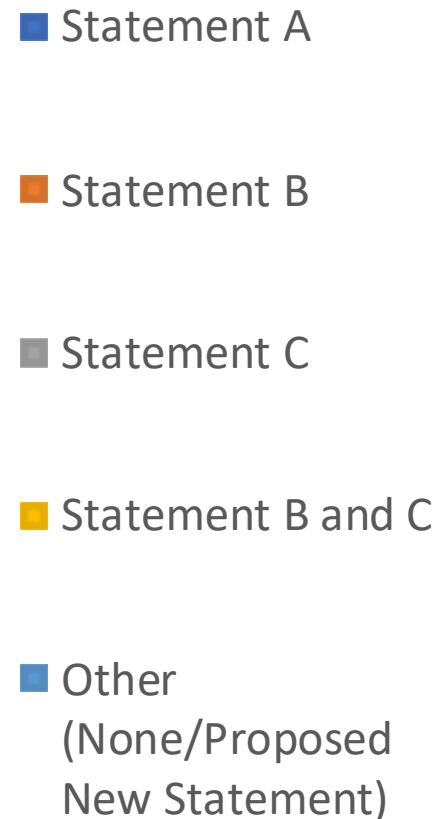


Questionnaire Response

Three Issue Statements were provided (Statements A, B, and C)

Feedback continued to demonstrate numerous perspectives, but all acknowledged the issue.

The greatest support was provided for Statements B and C



Focus on Issue Statements B and C



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- Should growth continue to occur on new withdrawals of groundwater (both replenished and unreplenished)?
- Should physical availability continue to be one of the only limits to groundwater use in AWS determinations?
- Should the AWS Rules allowing demonstrations of physical availability to 1,000 feet or 1,100 feet be revisited?
- What roadblocks should be addressed that prevent access to renewable supplies and infrastructure in these groundwater-dependent areas?
- What are the risks to homeowners whose physical groundwater supplies may be depleted after the regulatory AWS 100-year timeframe?



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AMA Management Structure

Draft Issue Statement:

There is no clear statutory provision regarding goals or additional management periods and plans after 2025. The fifth management plans will remain in effect until statutory changes designate otherwise.

- **Comments submitted by 3 Committee members.**
- **Final Issue Brief will be posted to the Post-2025 AMAs website this month**

Next Steps

- Committee Members enjoy a safe, wonderful Holiday Season
- Prepare Drafts of Two New Briefs for Committee to review around mid-January
- One or two Committee meetings – TBD – before March 18th GWAICC meeting



Closing Remarks

Co-Chairs

